National Park Access Updates December 2021

Volunteer Access Work

The Path Clearance Crew have stopped their work for the season and will restart in March 2022. We have a good core of regular volunteers who are skilled at using power tools and have good experience of vegetation clearance.

The Access Surveyors have finished their survey of access land parcels and will start training to do path surveys through the winter months.

The 2021 New Forest Walking & Cycling Festival

The Festival was a success with over 800 people enjoying three weeks of guided walks and guided cycles ran by over twenty different organisations. Many of the events sold out demonstrating the huge demand

England Coast Path

The Calshot to Gosport section of the ECP has been determined. Works will start in March/April time and the entire Calshot to Gosport section will be opened on the 1st of August 2022. There is no timescale yet for the Highcliffe to Calshot Section.

The National Grid, Landscape Enhancement Project

This three-year project has now been approved. It will improve the landscape, wildlife and public access along five NPA promoted walking routes.

The New Forest Access Forum

Current Access Forum activity has included.

- Preparation for the December meeting
- Production of the 2021 Annual Report

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